



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: September 5, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item X(c): Consideration of resolution approving the application for grant funds for the Los Angeles River Parkway Grant Program under the Safe Neighborhood, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) for (c) Compton Creek- Washington Elementary Natural Park.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the application for grant funds for the Los Angeles River Parkway Grant Program under the Safe Neighborhood, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) for (c) Compton Creek- Washington Elementary Natural Park.

Background: The Safe Neighborhood, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) authorized \$2.1 billion primarily for the development and improvement of state and local parks. The majority of this money (about \$1.3 billion) is directed to the state Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for land acquisitions, park development and restoration, as well as grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations. The State of California Resources Agency is administering the Los Angeles River Parkway Grant Program. The "Grant Guidelines" require that applicants submit an Authorizing Resolution from the applicant's governing body. Applications for the funding are due August 31, 2007. MRCA staff has submitted the application for the project described below. If the Governing Board approves the subject resolution, staff will submit the resolution as soon as possible.

Compton Creek- Washington Elementary Natural Park: This development project is the creation of a natural park on unused land (2.75 Acres) at Washington Elementary. The park will provide a habitat area, stormwater quality improvements, and associated interpretive uses for the school's children and users of the adjacent Compton Creek Bike trail. The Project is a partnership between the Mountains

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Recreation and Conservation Authority, Compton Unified School District, and the  
City of Los Angeles.